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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-7 were previously pending in this Application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1-7 have been rejected. By the above amendment, Claim 1 has been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-7 are now pending in the application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Within the Office Action, Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, it is stated that it is unclear what the word "transmitted" in Claim 1, line 12, means in the context of the claimed subject matter. By the above amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to delete the word "transmitted" and specify that the lever is "connected between said trigger and said delay unit and carried by said trigger to rotate and carried by said delay unit for delaying said sustaining force." The specification, on page 5 lines 16-19 and on page 6 lines 4-7, supports the amendments. Accordingly, Claims 1-7 do now particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Allowable Subject Matter

Within the Office Action, it is indicated that Claims 1-7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. As discussed above, Claims 1-7 do now particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. For at least these reasons, the Claims 1-7 are all allowable.

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No new subject matter has been added by way of the above amendments. For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-7 are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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